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SOUTHEASTERN KANSAS PRODUCING MARKETS

Kansas City Market

Trading in prairie hay at Kansas City remained fairly active during the week ending July 29, with local feeding interests providing ready outlet for choice quality offerings, according to the Agricultural Marketing Service. Quotations were not changed, but returns to country shippers were reduced by approximately $3.00 per car when certain buyers made purchases on the basis of switching charges from team tracks to unloading tracks being paid by the seller. Receipts were 36 cars on team tracks. In addition to the open market purchases, local feeding interests received a number of cars direct on contracts. Weedy, coarse, undercured or otherwise off grade offerings were very slow sale and such lots had to be discounted rather sharply to levels where merchandisers showed interest. Sales during the week: No. 1 and No. 1 Extra Green, 21 cars at $8.50 per ton, less $3.00 per car switching charges, 1 car $8; No. 2, 1 car $7.50; No. 3 and sample grade, about half and half, 1 car $6.25, 1 car $6 per ton.

Interior Producing Point Markets

Truckers continued to furnish an active demand for good upland prairie in southeastern Kansas producing areas, some coming from as far away as Iowa. Carlot loadings were the largest of the season, with shipments made from Westphalia, Welda, Colony, Bayard, Burlington, Humboldt, Savonburg, Yates Center and Rose. Practically all cars were loaded to 18 tons or more to benefit by the lower freight rates on large shipments.

Due to a favorable growing season, eastern Kansas meadows show a heavy growth, some fields producing in excess of two and one-half tons to the acre. Recent showers and slow curing are noticeable in somewhat lower color of the hay and nearly all fields show coarseness and rank growth. Very little hay has been placed in barn storage, as the active demand from truckers has taken most of the good hay right from the balers.

The condition of Colorado ranges and pastures varies greatly by districts, depending upon the amount of moisture received recently. Ranges at high elevations are rather poor in the southern mountain section and parts of the Northwest, but are fair in most other high elevation areas. Outlook for late range feed continues poor in many localities. In the eastern plains section, some portions have a splendid supply of grass developed from earlier moisture, while feed is becoming scanty in other localities. Although weeds were drying up rapidly, additional losses of cattle from bloat or poisoning on weedy pastures were experienced during the week.

Current quotations at Kansas City, basis U. S. Standards, are as follows:

UPLAND PRAIRIE
(Per ton)

No. 1	$8.00-8.50	No. 3	$5.50-7.00
No. 2	7.50-8.00	Sample	4.00-5.50

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